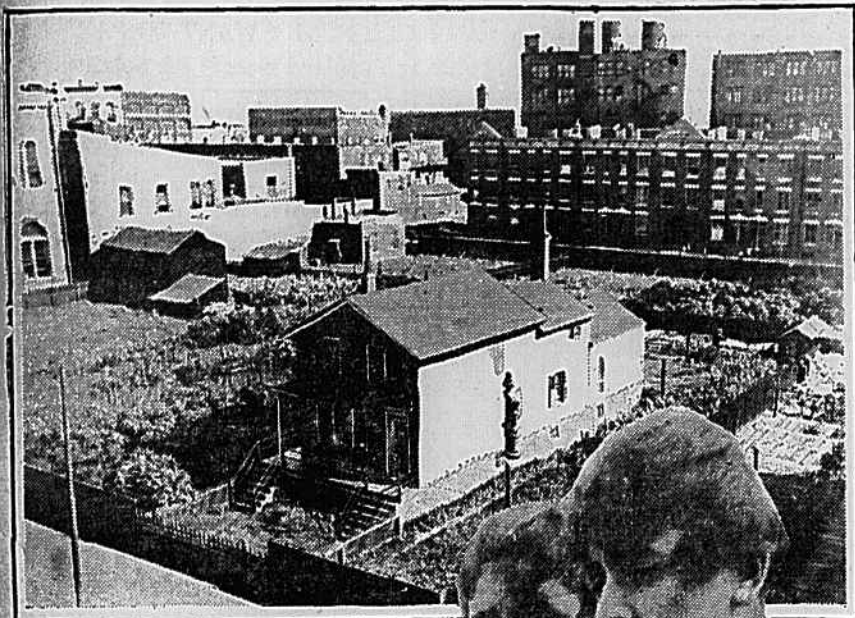


BIG CROWD WATCHES FIREMEN FIGHT HOT FIRE

BAD WOMEN AND CROOKED LAWYER GET QUEER OLD MAN'S MILLIONS



Investigators Find \$150,000
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LAWYER GOT \$2,000,000

Adoption of Junk Dealers
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(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Aug. 25.—Edward W. Morrison, the 80-year-old recluse whose vanished millions are the subject of an investigation before Judge Landis in the United States district court, was declared today to have lost property valued at \$5,000,000 to a cottage of strange characters within the last 20 years.

Francis J. Houlihan, counsel for Morrison's creditor, declares that unscrupulous lawyers, women and habits of the Chicago underworld came into the life of the aged man whose death is estimated from \$3,000,000 to \$8,000,000 to obtain his money. He was taken on trips to other cities. Attorney Houlihan declared women were brought to see him and new characters introduced to keep his fortune dwindling.

Search of the recluse's quaint old two-story home in which it was thought he had concealed vast sums of money revealed \$11.73 in cash and a bunch of old papers, cancelled checks and bonds. In one package almost 100 "I. O. U's" written in various hands but unsigned and which totaled something over \$150,000 were found.

No trace of deeds, titles or other records of ownership to property said to be worth \$6,000,000 were found.

Investigation to the affairs of Morrison has shown that James R. Ward counsel for the aged man is holding more than \$2,000,000 worth of property conveyed to him by Morrison.

One of the queer turns of the story is that which tells of the adoption by Morrison of Alice and Anna Burnstein, daughters of a junk man.

Adopting the two girls the millionaire who has lived like a recluse since he returned from the civil war has excited the animosity of certain relatives and public spirited citizens.

If Morrison makes the girls heir to his wealth, amounting to \$10,000,000, the city of Chicago will be deprived of a great public school.

When Morrison's father died he bequeathed his wealth to his son on condition that if he died without heirs the money be used to found a technical school.

And now Chicago has gone into court to learn if the millionaire, who is 82, has been influenced by some one to adopt heirs or if his love for children moved him to play the good fairy to the ghetto girls.

The aged man is keeping his daughters like princesses in captivity.

The historic old house on Harrison street is guarded by dogs; a kennel of fighting dogs are warning off intruders.

PLAYGROUNDS WILL
CLOSE TOMORROW

Women's Club Committee
Will Present Prizes to
Meet Winners.

Everything is in readiness for the closing of the playgrounds tomorrow afternoon and evening. The inter-park contests will again be held on the Loop Park grounds, beginning promptly at 1:45 p. m. During the afternoon session fourteen events are to be contested for by at least 360 entrants. Supper will then be served in the park. During this period a prominent member of the Playground committee of the Woman's club will present the individual prizes to the winners of the first fourteen events.

The prizes this year are handsome, a number are rather expensive, but the committee feels that the contestants deserve a suitable token for their loyalty on the grounds throughout the season and their final effort on the closing day.

The team prize this year will be a six-foot pennant of navy blue felt with white letters containing the word "CHAMPS 1916," which is to be awarded to the playground scoring the highest number of points during the inter-park field day. The pennant is to be unfurled with Old Glory each day the 1917 playground is open to the children. Great rivalry is being manifested by the children who have been training for the final day's meet for the past few weeks.

As stated in these columns several days ago, a large waterproof tent is to be erected on the Loop Park playgrounds for the convenience of the parents and children who wish to have their lunch basket, boxes or wraps checked free of charge. Kindly have your names and playground plainly written on the package for identification. This is necessary, otherwise confusion will be in store for the attendants.

HOME FROM DEER PARK
Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Frantz and children returned from Deer Park, where they had spent the past week.

RETURNS FROM VISIT
Miss Mary Ellen Henry has returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Edwin Brooks, at Newark, N. J.

CONGRESSMEN FOR
VOCATIONAL TRAINING
(Special Dispatch to West Virginian)
CHARLESTON, W. Va., Aug. 25.—Urging his support of the Smith-Hughes vocational educational bill which will be considered by Congress next week M. P. Shawkey state superintendent of free schools today telegraphed to Congressman Claude Kitchen, West Virginia member of congress have written to the department of schools indicating their intention to support the measure.

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VISITING GRANDMOTHER
Miss Lucy Rex of Downs is spending the week with her grandmother Mrs. Rex of Edgemont.

R.R. HEADS PREPARING TO FIGHT

Optimism Over
Strike Situation
Disappearing in
Washington
OPPOSE 8-HOUR DAY
Roads Will Make Back to
Wall Fight for Arbitration

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—The railroad strike negotiation resolved itself today outwardly at least, into a more or less confused state. Expression of optimism from both sides were not so free as they were yesterday and feeling heretofore general among the managers that a plan to include an eight hour day would be found was not so evident.

Some of the railroad executives reverted to their prediction that it never would be conceded.

President Wilson kept the cabinet waiting an hour while he conferred with the four Brotherhood heads. All parties to the conference steadfastly refused to say what was talked about.

The railroad executives conferred among themselves during the day and it was thought possible they might later go to the White House. For the executives this statement was issued:

"The executives are understood to be studying the form of a communication to the President."

Some of the more optimistic still have hopes of a final decision being reached before tomorrow night.

The opinion that the eight hour basic day will not be conceded apparently was growing as the conferences continue.

The executives and managers devoted practically no time today to consideration of freight rate increases or settlement of future strikes, but centered on the length of working day and pay.

Many executives are willing to concede an eight hour day with an understanding that it shall not only be the maximum work day but also the minimum in other words, that the present practice by which an employee may get pay for a day and a half or even two days, when he works only ten or twelve hours will be eliminated.

The Brotherhood heads declared they are standing on President Wilson's plan and had not changed their attitude a particle.

As the conferences among the railway executives progressed it was said the presidents were standing more closely together for arbitration than at any time since they had assembled here and that some of those who at first were for accepting President Wilson's plan had been brought over to a majority which was described as standing "back to the wall."

It was indicated that the communication being prepared for President Wilson would contain a further insistence on arbitration.

Flower of German Army Brought
Forward to Stop French Gains

Maurepas formed one of the principal supporting points between Somme and the highway from Albert to Bapaume and also was an important strategic base by reason of its situation on a plateau dominating the region toward the south.

The Germans have placed on the line against the French between Hardecourt and Flery the Fifth division of Bavarian reserves and the first division of the Prussian guard.

This guard division is commanded in person by Prince Eitel Friedrich, second son of the German Emperor, and took part in the fighting at Maurepas.

Gullemont where the English have made progress is being defended by the Kaiser Wilhelm second, regiment of Wurttemberg.

Not a Dry Hole In
Thirty-Three Trials

TRACT ON CABIN CREEK IS NOW
PRODUCING 2,000 BARRELS
A DAY.

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CHARLESTON, W. Va., Aug. 25.—The Columbus Producing company has struck a 100 barrel oil well on the Williams tract near Miami, Cabin Creek.

This is well No. 33 and the company has 32 producers on the tract, not having struck a dry hole in any of the operations. The total production of the field has reached about 2,000 barrels a day.

YANKEE GLASSWARE
BARRED BY BRITAIN

News of An Order in Council
to That Effect Received Today.

(By Associated Press)
PITTSBURGH, Aug. 25.—Glass manufacturers in the Pittsburgh district were notified today by London agents that an order in Council had been issued placing an embargo upon American glassware.

Shipments leaving the United States before August 18 the cable states would be accepted.

While the order was made to read table glassware manufacturers were of the opinion that all kinds would be affected, except possibly lighting glassware of which England buys a considerable quantity here.

Pittsburgh has always sold considerable quantities of table ware in England and exports have been considerable increased since the war began.

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NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—The New York News Association quotes "an officer of the British merchant marine" who arrived here today aboard the White Star steamship Baltic, as authority for the statement that the German submarine Bremen has been captured by the British and 33 of her crew of 35 made prisoners. The Bremen, according to the account, was captured in the Straits of Dover in a steel net on August 2. Two members of the crew lost their lives.

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WHERE SOLDIERS OF NINE NATIONS ARE BATT- LING IN ONE OF WAR'S GREATEST STRUGGLES



Nine nations have sent troops to the Saloniki region, where fighting has been renewed. Bulgarians have advanced on Kavala, shown by arrow A, and against the Serbs on the left of the allied line, arrow B, taking Florina and Banitza.

Anglo-French forces are attempting to advance up the Vardar Valley, arrow C, but are being held back by the Bulgars. Italian troops have landed at Avlona, Albania, arrow D.

Arrow E shows the region of fierce infantry fighting between the allies and Bulgars. The troops taking part in this struggle are: Allies—English, French, Serb, Russian, Montenegrin, Italian; Central Powers—Bulgars, Austro-Hungarians, Turks.

BULGARS YIELDING ALONG ENTIRE LINE

Serbian Troops Occupy Positions They Were Ordered to Take.

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Aug. 25.—Success against the Bulgarians all along the line of the Serbian front in Macedonia are reported in the Serbian official statement of August 22.

The statement declares that the Bulgarian centre was yielding to Serbian pressure and that the positions previously designated from the Serbian occupations were being seized and held by Serbian troops.

8,695 PERSONS PAID ENTRANCE TO FAIR YESTERDAY

Entire Paid Attendance for
Week Reached Almost
Twelve Thousand.

Many wild guesses were current on the streets today estimating the size of the crowd that attended the Fairmont Fair yesterday on the last day.

Most of these estimates placed the attendance between twelve and fifteen thousand, many persons also stating that the number of automobiles parked on the grounds would reach at least one thousand.

Estimates as usual were entirely wrong according to the statistics prepared today by the auditing department of the association. The entire number of paid admissions yesterday was but 8,695. Probably 400 persons went into the grounds on passes of various kinds including all of the privilege and horsemen. This would bring the entire number present yesterday up to about 9,000. Of this number about three thousand came to the grounds in automobiles, while 6,481 passengers to the grounds were hauled during the day by the Monongahela Valley Traction company. Of this number only 6,140 were hauled back to the city. It is likely that the number of passengers carried that failed to pay their fare and thus not being included in this count reached several hundred.

The entire number of automobiles that paid admission yesterday was but 414 while probably 50 additional cars were admitted on passes or to deliver groceries and supplies while perhaps 50 taxis came in after four o'clock to haul passengers back to the city.

The entire number of paid admissions for the week reached 11,537 and 532 automobiles paid to enter the grounds during the three days. This showing is much better than either of the two previous Fairs, held on the local grounds, as the rains of last year and the year before kept the crowd down to very small proportions.

The Fair officials today are in the main well pleased with the result of the meeting and are now planning a bigger and better Fair for next year. A plan is now under consideration for the holding of a running meeting on the local track which will last for an entire week. The date of this has not been fixed but will likely be late in September or October.

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JACKSON STREET ROOMING HOUSE BADLY DAMAGED

Fire Had Good Start Before
It Was Discovered This
Morning.

WHOLE DEPARTMENT OUT

Work of Firemen at Times
Partook of the Spectacular.

The property of Ulysses Union & 213 Jackson street was seriously threatened with destruction this morning when fire, the origin of which is unknown, was discovered in an unused room in the third story to the rear.

Duke Johnson, Jr., colored, was in the house at the time and seeing smoke curling from under the door of the unused room, immediately notified other occupants of the house who in turn called the fire department. The auto truck, the hook and ladder wagon and the East Side department responded and within half an hour had the fire out. The department was called at 11:23 o'clock this morning.

In the room were two mattresses which were burning when Duke Johnson looked inside and the walls of the room were just starting to burn. The fire spread rapidly, eating its way into eight rooms and taking the sides and the roof from the building. The building was formerly two buildings, one stone and one frame, both places recently made into one rooming house. The contents of all rooms were ruined by the fire. As soon as the firemen got on the job it was seen to be necessary that all hose, ladders, chemicals and axes be used. The firemen started into the burning building when a window at the top of the stairs fell out and down on them. Though their clothing was torn by glass, no injuries resulted. They managed in some manner to get past the flames and to drag a hose with them. The fire, and smoke resulting from it were more than a human could stand. But working diligently with the hose in front of them they managed to get to the second floor. They then discovered that the third floor was afire and in order to get to that point had to climb over the roofs of adjoining houses. This consumed a little time but the speed with which obstacles were met brought cheers from the crowd as the firemen, smoke beguiled, entered the windows of the second and third floors from the adjacent roofs. From these windows flames licked the outwalls but the firemen went in seeming to understand that inside somewhere there was a better working footing, the roofs on which they stood being inclined sharply.

Duke Johnson, the young man who discovered the fire, was caught on the third floor, his exit being cut off at the top of the stairs by the flames and smoke. He rushed to the front windows and screamed for help. Ladders were rushed to him and he was brought to the ground. Other occupants of the house escaped by going through back windows, over roofs of ground kitchens, through trees and by jumping to the ground.

The work of fighting the flames was in charge of assistant chief Ralph Doolittle, chief Watkins being on his vacation. He went first into the flames and guided all other work in the burning building. Assisting the chief on the ground were Odell McKinney, Ned Smith and Commissioner Ira L. Smith. There were six water lines played on the flames at once, besides numerous chemical cans and chemical hoses. Before being able to extinguish the last small flames, the firemen had to chop up the tin roof and turn a hose through the opening.

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